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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
Markley, et al.

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**FOR: Improved Multi-Stage
Countercurrent Hydrotreating
Process**

EXAMINER: Griffin, Walter
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the First Office Action (Paper No. 4) dated 3/12/2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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